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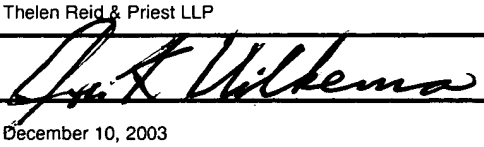
Signature	
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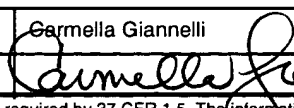
Signature		Date	12/10/03

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